



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: THOMAS MAIER, T-2 EXAMINER: L. ODELL

SERIAL NO.: 10/620,487 GROUP: 1652

FILED: JULY 16, 2003

TITLE (AMENDED): A MICROORGANISM STRAIN TRANSFORMED WITH THE
Escherichia coli yfik GENE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF
AMINO ACIDS

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(1)

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, under Rule 136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2005, for one months, from January 18, 2006 until February 18, 2006. Submitted herewith, under Rule 17(a)(1), is a check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a Large Entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

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